



Biography

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER E. SEQUOYAH SIMERMEYER



E. Sequoyah Simermeyer (Coharie) is the Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission. As such, he is one of three commissioners responsible for regulating and ensuring the integrity of the more than 450 Indian gaming facilities, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. Simermeyer was appointed by the Secretary of Interior on November 2, 2015 for a three-year term.

Prior to joining the NIGC, Simermeyer advised the Chairman to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. In that capacity he helped draft legislative proposals and committee reports, prepared oversight and legislative hearing and advanced the committee's work on priority issues facing Indian country. Simermeyer also served as Deputy Chief of Staff and as counselor to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Simermeyer's professional and academic experience has focused on government-to-government relationships that impact federal Indian policy and which empower tribal communities to provide for their people. Simermeyer was named to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 Under 40 list in 2011 and was a 2014 nominee for the Native American Bar Association–DC Chapter Award for "Excellence in Government Service."

Simermeyer graduated with a bachelor's of arts degree from Dartmouth College, N.H., a Masters of Study in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, Vt., and a J.D. from Cornell Law School, N.Y.

The [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 450 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the \$28.5 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).